

Remarks

Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-19 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 10, 13, and 16 have been amended and claims 4, 9, and 20 have been cancelled.

Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration and allowance are requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, and 14-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Tsuda et al. (US 6,629,090), hereafter “Tsuda.” Claims 1, 7, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Lobley et al. (US 5,758,026), hereafter “Lobley.” Claims 4, 5, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Lobley in view of Kenyon (US 6,604,113), hereafter “Kenyon.” These rejections are defective because the cited references, taken alone or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a).

Regarding independent claim 1 (and similarly independent claims 10 and 16), Tsuda and Lobley, alone or in combination, fail to disclose, among other features, the display of a **Focus+Context** information visualization model having a plurality of nodes, wherein at least one node in the information visualization model is configured to perform a calculation based on values displayed by other nodes in the information visualization model, **wherein a first calculation is performed when a node is in focus, and wherein a second calculation is performed when a node is not in focus.**

Kenyon fails to remedy the deficiencies of either Tsuda or Lobley.

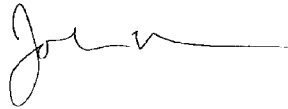
With respect to dependent claims, Applicants herein incorporate the

arguments presented above with respect to independent claims from which the claims depend. Furthermore, Applicants submit that all dependent claims are allowable based on their own distinct features. Since the cited art does not teach each and every feature of the claimed invention, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Accordingly, since the cited references, taken alone or in any combination, fail to teach or suggest each and every feature of the claims as required by 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 103(a), Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-19 are allowable.

If the Examiner believes that anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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